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FIVE MEN INDICTED FOR VIOLATING FEDERAL FIREARMS LAWS

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that five southern Missouri men were indicted by a federal grand jury today, in separate and unrelated cases, for violating federal firearms laws.

* **Eugene G. Sullivan**, 46, of Bolivar, Mo., was charged in a single-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield with being a felon in possession of firearms.

Today's indictment alleges that **Sullivan** was in possession of seven firearms, including six rifles, a shotgun and ammunition on Jan. 16, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearms or ammunition. **Sullivan** has a 1998 criminal felony conviction for distribution of a controlled substance.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Alex C. Lewis. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Bolivar, Mo., Police Department, the Polk County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and COMET (the Combined Ozark Multi-jurisdictional Enforcement Team).

* **Stoney L. Fisher**, 25, of Cedar City, Utah, was charged in a single-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield with being a felon in possession of firearms.

Today's indictment alleges that **Fisher** was in possession of a Smith & Wesson .38 caliber handgun together with ammunition on Dec. 20, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearms or ammunition. **Fisher** has two 2000 criminal felony convictions for burglary and possession of a controlled substance in Utah, and a 1997 criminal felony conviction for

attempting to receive or transfer a stolen vehicle in Utah.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Alex C. Lewis. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Barton County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, and the Lamar, Mo., Police Department.

* **Bradley E. Lambert**, 39, of Licking, Mo., was charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Lambert** was in possession of three rifles and three shotguns on Dec. 10, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who is an unlawful user of a controlled substance to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Lambert** allegedly is an unlawful user of a controlled substance.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Lambert** was in possession of a Smith & Weston .38 caliber handgun, from which the manufacturer's serial number had been removed and obliterated, on Sept. 29, 2003.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Alex C. Lewis. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Texas County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, and the South Central Drug Task Force.

* **Christopher R. Ledford**, 23, address unknown, was charged in a single count indictment with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Today's indictment alleges that **Ledford** was in possession of a Harrington and Richardson .22 caliber revolver on Dec. 10, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearms or ammunition. **Ledford** has a 1998 criminal felony conviction for stealing in Webster County, Mo., and a 1998 criminal felony conviction for assault in Dallas County, Mo.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Douglas D. Gaston. It was investigated by the Missouri Department of Conservation and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Jeremy U. Nickelson**, 28, of Willow Springs, Mo., was charged in a single count indictment with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Today's indictment alleges that **Nickelson** was in possession of a Marlin .22 rifle on June 14, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearms or ammunition. **Nickelson** has a 2003 criminal felony conviction for tampering in Howell County, Mo., and a 2000 criminal felony conviction for stealing in Howell County, Mo.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Douglas D. Gaston. It

was investigated by the Texas County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in these indictments are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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